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SUBJ: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE: CONCLUDES

1. SUMMARY: FOURTH NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE CLOSED LATE
SEPT. 9. BOUMEDIENE ANNOUNCED THAT CUBA HAD DECIDED
TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND THAT HE PERSONALLY
WOULD ATTEND UNGA TO REPRESENT NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.
CONFERENCE APPROVED TWENTY RESOLUTIONS AND TWO DECLARA-
TIONS, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL. NO PERMANENT SECRETARIAT
WAS FORMED. NEXT NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT WILL BE HELD IN
SRI LANKA IN THREE YEARS. END SUMMARY

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2. FOURTH NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT, WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED

TO TERMINATE SEPT. 8, FINALLY WOULD UP AT 5:00 P.M
SEPT 9. ONE-DAY EXTENSION WAS TO ENABLE ALL DELEGATES
AND OBSERVERS WISHING TO DO SO TO SPEAK. IN THREE
MARATHON SESSION SEPT. 8, SOME TWENTY-FOUR SPEAKERS
NUMBER TIRED DELEGATES WITH CLOUDS OF CLICHES. SEVERAL
LEADERS, INCLUDING KING FAISAL, ABANDONED PLANS TO
ADDRESS CONFERENCE.

3. BITTER DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CUBA AND OTHER LATIN
AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES CAME INTO THE OPEN WHEN
CASTRO, IN HEAVY-HANDED EFFORT TO KEEP BOLIVIA AND BRAZIL
FROM SPEAKING, SUGGESTED THAT NO LATIN AMERICAN OBSERVERS
BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE. BOUTELFIKA TRIED TO
PERSUADE CASTRO TO WITHDRAW SUGGESTION AND HEATED ARGUMENT
ENSUED AS OTHER DELEGATES AND JOURNALISTS LOOKED ON.
ARGENTINE FONMIN TOOK FLOOR TO SUPPORT MEXICO'S RIGHT
TO BE HEARD, FOLLOWING WHICH CHARI RECOGNIZED MEXICAN
REPRESENTATIVE. AFTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING EARLY
SEPT. 9 WHICH OVERRULED CASTRO, BRAZILIAN REPRESENTATIVE
DELIVERED BLISTERING ATTACK ON CUBA. BOUMEDIENE THEN
INTERVENED, ANNOUNCING THAT AS STATESMANLIKE GESTURE IN
INTEREST OF CONFERENCE AS A WHOLE CASTRO WAS WAIVING HIS
RIGHT OF REPLY.

4. HIGHLIGHT OF CLOSING SESSION WAS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT
CASTRO HAD DECIDED TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH ISAREL.
THUS, HAVING PROVIDED MAJOR NOTES OF DISCORD DURING
CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS WITH HIS PRO-SOVIET ADDRESS AND
HIS COLLISION WITH LATIN AMERICAN OBSERVERS, CASTRO
FINISHED IN LIMELIGHT OF APPLAUSE AND CONGRATULATIONS.
QADHAFI, WHO IN AN EARLIER PRESS CONFERENCE, HAD BRANDED
THE CUBAN LEADER AS "ALIGNED", EMBRACED HIM EMOTIONALLY.

5. FOREIGN MINISTERS' ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES
MET THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT SEPTJM 8 TO HAVE DRAFT DECLARA-
TIONS AND RESOLUTIONS READY FOR CLOSING SESSION. THESE
INCLUDED A POLITICAL DECLARATION, 14 POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS,
AN ECONOMIC DECLARATION, AN ECONOMIC "ACTION PROGRAM" AND
6 ECONOMIC RESOLUTIONS --23 DOCUMENTS IN ALL. DETAILS
BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY. DELEGATION HEADS APPROVED THEM
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IN THREE HOUR CLOSED SESSION (ONLY CLOSED SESSION OF SUMMIT
CONFERENCE) SEPT. 9. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF
HEADS OF STATE, KING FAISAL AND HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY FOR
EXAMPLE, HAD ALREADY LEFT CONFERENCE AND DID NOT HAVE
OPPORTUNITY PERSONALLY TO CONSIDER FINAL DOCUMENTS.

6. PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT SECRETARIAT, WHICH
WAS SUPPORTED STRONGLY BY ALGERIA, CUBA, UGANDA AND

LIBYA, WAS FINALLY DEFEATED. WE UNDERSTAND PRINCIPAL
OPPOSITION CAME FROM MORE MODERATE ASIANS, FRENCH-SPEAKING
AFRICANS AND MANY LATIN AMERICANS WHO FEARED RADICAL
ACTIVIST STATES WOULD DOMINATE SUCH A SECRETARIAT.
INSTEAD, COORDINATION COMMITTEE MADE UP OF THE FOURTEEN
CONFERENCE VICE PRESIDENTS PLUS PRES. BOUMEDIENE
WAS FORMED TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONDUCTING NON-
ALIGNED AFFAIRS, INCLUDING COORDINATION OF NON-ALIGNED UN
POSITIONS, DURING COMING THREE YEAR PERIOD. MODERATES'
FEARS WERE PROBABLY WELL-FOUNDED, AS IT APPEARS LIKELY
THAT UNDER BOUMEDIENE'S LEADERSHIP THE BULK OF NON-
ALIGNED ACTIVITIES DURING COMING PERIOD WILL BE DIRECTED
FROM ALGIERS AND THAT GOA WILL BE A PRIME MOTIVATING FORCE
BEHIND THEM. BOUMEDIENE ANNOUNCED THAT HE PERSONALLY
WOULD ATTEND UNGA TO REPRESENT NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.

7. IT WAS DECIDED THAT FIFTH NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT WILL
BE HELD IN SRI LANKA IN THREE YEARS. BOUMEDIENE ALSO
SUGGESTED THAT SIXTH SUMMIT, PRESUMABLY THREE YEARS
AFTER THAT, SHOULD BE HELD IN LATIN AMERICA.

8. COMMENT: BY THE END, DELEGATES AND JOURNALISTS WERE
AGREED THAT CONFERENCE HAD LASTED TOO LONG. NEW
PROCEDURES LIMITING THE LARGELY REPETITIVE SPEECHES BY
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE ADOPTED
IN THE FUTURE. IN SPITE OF THIS, WE BELIEVE CONFERENCE
WAS CONSIDERED A REAL, IF LIMITED, SUCCESS BY MOST OF ITS
ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS THAT OVER SEVENTY
THIRD-WORLD LEADERS HAD MET TOGETHER FOR FIVE DAYS,
OVERCOMING DISRUPTIVE INFLUENCE OF TERRORIST DRAMA IN
PARIS AND PREVENTING DIFFERENCES WHICH AROSE ON SPECIFIC
ISSUES FROM DIVIDING CONFERENCE ITSELF WAS
A SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT.
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